

Southampton Hotel  
Kingston on Thames

My dear Annie I have sent  
a box of articles for the Fair  
to the care of your brother  
Warren in New York. Frank  
Rosen was returning to  
the U.S. offered to take it free  
of any expense, to New York  
The custom house duties or  
I suppose your brother will  
see to - This enabled me to  
put two guineas worth of  
articles into the box, which  
I thought worth while  
The three oil paintings, I was  
advised to frame & so I have  
done so - decent frames, &  
no more - The paintings <sup>deserve better</sup>

They cost twelve shillings <sup>each by</sup> a piece  
The smallest <sup>pictures</sup> Miss Mont  
parmy gave five pounds  
for, & it is her gift to  
the fair - Artists praise  
it - It is by a young artist  
of great promise - a  
very accurate view of  
Snowden - The others are  
also thought highly of  
& each would have brought  
at least five pounds.  
The frames were at my  
expense - Mr Stuck  
gave me five pounds  
& a friend promises me

a guinea, this is all the  
aid I have had in money  
& I have laid out what  
I had given & what I could  
spare to the best of my  
ability - Living in the  
country has made my  
work more difficult  
& no one to aid me as dear  
Susan is an year sick of  
the water - But I have  
"done what I could" &  
with that I hope for a  
blessing upon the boy.

The books are all presents  
& much good will, goes  
with them - The copies



of the Boy & the Birds  
ought to sell high, the  
engravings are from  
blocks done by E. Landseer  
which were all burned  
the other day, I none  
like them can now be ob-  
tained. Susan wife kept  
pure the things, she knows  
the value here of many of  
them, I have priced what  
I could — I have six lines  
from Maria but I know  
not, as she did not tell me  
who is in Paris, & who is in  
America — except your dear  
Aunt — I am sure that you  
are still at the helm.  
The pamphlet & autograph  
of Maxime are very precious.

to the friends who gave  
them - They are at Mrs  
Reids where I shall pack  
the box tomorrow, I have  
not seen them - but Mr  
<sup>I know not exactly where they are</sup>

I have who sends them  
<sup>in the night</sup> says that they found it  
hard to part with them  
I should be very very  
happy dear Annie to  
get a letter from you  
sometime when you are  
at leisure - My duties  
now in the way of  
writing are very hard

for I have no help.  
I now at this minute  
many letters press on  
my conscience - I have  
much to say to you  
but must conclude  
with my blessing &  
ever unchanging  
love I. L. Follen